

RFE DAILY GUIDANCE SUMMARY FOR 29 OCT 1962:

I. CUBA:

KHRUSHCHEV ANNOUNCEMENT THAT SOVIET MISSILE BASES SECRETLY INSTALLED IN CUBA WILL BE DISMANTLED AND RETURNED TO SOVIET UNION PROVIDES BASIS FOR SETTLEMENT OF CUBAN CRISIS FULFILLING CONDITIONS LAID DOWN BY U.S. KHRUSHCHEV ALSO AGREED THAT UN MAY VERIFY WITHDRAWAL. AT THIS MOMENT IT APPEARS THAT VERY FIRM AND DETERMINED U.S. POSITION ON THIS ISSUE HAS PRODUCED FULL SOVIET ACCEPTANCE OF U.S. DEMANDS. CASTRO'S NEW COUNTER DEMANDS, INCLUDING ONE FOR THE REMOVAL OF THE AMERICAN BASE AT GUANTANAMO, COULD GREATLY COMPLICATE OR EVEN DISRUPT PROSPECTS FOR QUICK AND SATISFACTORY SETTLEMENT. OVERALL PICTURE, HOWEVER, IS THAT GREAT INTERNATIONAL CRISIS PROVOKED BY SOVIET POLICY IS ON WAY TO SOLUTION ON AMERICAN TERMS.

OUR PRESENT TASK IS TO MAKE UNMISTAKABLY CLEAR TO OUR LISTENERS THE TRUE COURSE OF RECENT EVENTS AND THEIR BASIC SIGNIFICANCE, THUS COUNTERACTING DISTORTIONS OF REGIME PROPAGANDA WHICH STRIVE TO CREATE THE IMPRESSION THAT KENNEDY HAS GIVEN IN TO KHRUSHCHEV ON KHRUSHCHEV'S TERMS. IN SETTING THE RECORD STRAIGHT, WE TAKE FULL ADVANTAGE OF SOVIET RECORD OF DECEIT DURING CUBAN CRISIS, SPECIFICALLY REGARDING PRESENCE AND NATURE OF SOVIET BASES IN CUBA. OUR COMMENTARIES REFRAIN FROM DRAWING FINAL CONCLUSIONS, EMPHASIZING THAT U.S. VIGILANCE AND SURVEILANCE MEASURES CONTINUE. IN THIS CONNECTION WE USE